(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The strength of employees in the Project and Equipment Corporation of India Limited (PEC) in various categories and the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes amongst them as on 1st April, 1989 and 31st July, 1991 is given below:-

Total Strength		*SCs/STs*			
1.4.89	*31.7.91*	*1.4.89*		*31.7.91*	
		SC	ST	SC	ST
271	268	49	06	50	05

(b) and (c). The total backlog of reserved posts as on 1.4.89 and 31.7.91 is as under:-

As on 1.4.89		*As on 31.7.91*	
SC	*ST*	*SC*	*ST*
12	12	12	12

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Even prior to the receipt of instructions for initiating Special Recruitment Drive to clear the backlog in 1989, PEC had been making efforts in this regard, as it issued press advrtisements for reserved posts at various times such as in July 1978, August 1979, May 1980, January 1982, August 1983 and May 1986. After receipt of Government instructions, PEC issued exclusive advertisements again in 1989,1990 and 1991 to clear the backlog. In addition to the press advertisements, PEC also addressed concerned Employment Exchanges and the registered SC/ST Associations in the matter. PEC also made a reference to Public Sector Undertakings to sponsor the names of suitable SC/ST candidates for filling up the vacant reserved posts in the Corporation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Memorandum from Orissa to Ninth Finance Commission

6009. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa had submitted a memorandum to the Ninth Finance Commission seeking central assistance for opening of new courts, construction and improvement of court buildings and residential quarters;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendation made by the Commission in this regard; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a). Government of

Orissa in their Memorandum to Ninth Finance Commission for 1989-90 and 1990-95 had indicated their requirements for Judicial Sector under Upgradation.

(b) The Ninth Finance Commission in their First Report for 1989-90 had recommened a total outlay of Ts. 40.18 lakhs under Upgradation for schemes of Court buildings, amenities in Courts and housing units for Judicial Officers.

The Ninth Finance Commission in their Second Report for the period 1990-95 have adopted "normative approach" in assessing the revenue receipts and expenditures. The Commission have not recommended any specific grants-in-aid for upgradation of the services because "the needs for upgrading these services in the States where they are below average has been taken care of in the norms" adopted by the Commission.

(c) Government of India have accepted the recommendations of the Finance Commission in this regard.

Projects under Central Road Fund Scheme in Orissa

6010. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had intimated to the Government of Orissa that an amount of Rs. 5.18 crores was likely to accrue to the State annually under the Central Road Fund Scheme;

(b) whether the Government had approved a list of fifty two projects sent by the State Government for inclusion under this programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Against their tentative accruals for 1988-89, the Govt. of Orissa have proposed 59 schemes. Since actual augmentation of C.R.F against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, the proposals have not been processed for approval. However, in absence of actual augementation, the Ministry has accorded approval to the following two works keeping in view free-balance likely to be available as on 31.3.1995 as per old Resolution.